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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Takashi Nakai et al.

Application No.: 10/598,413 ✓

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Art Unit: 1793

For: METHOD FOR FORMING POWDER  
MOLDING PRODUCT AND MOLD  
APPARATUS FOR POWDER MOLDING

Examiner: C. S. Kessler

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

As a result of the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2009 with regard to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect one of the following Groups as identified by the Examiner:

- **Group I:** Claims 1 – 19, drawn to a method for forming a powder molding product; or
- **Group II:** Claims 20 and 21, drawn to a mold apparatus.

Applicants elect **Group I**, corresponding to claims 1 – 19, without traverse.

Applicants maintain full right at a later date to pursue prosecution of the unelected embodiment of **Group II** by filing a divisional application.

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Response dated December 30, 2009  
Reply to Office Action of December 3, 2009

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Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Dated: December 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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